

SPECIAL BULLETIN

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TO : Agency Training Officers

SUBJECT: Professor James C. Thomson, Jr. --
CIA Guest Speaker on "Government
and the Media"

Professor James C. Thomson, Jr. of Harvard University will be the next speaker in the CIA Guest Speaker Program. His presentation on "Government and the Media" is scheduled in the Headquarters Auditorium from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 9 April 1974. Employees planning to attend should note that the scheduled time for the Program has been advanced one hour.

Mr. Thomson is Curator of the Nieman Fellowships for Journalism and Lecturer in History at Harvard University. His special fields of interest and expertise are American-East Asian relations, the history of modern China, and the government-press relationships.

Born 1931 in New Jersey, Mr. Thomson spent his childhood in China and received the A.B. degree in 1953 from Yale. He also holds the A.B. and M.A. degrees from Cambridge University, and the Ph.D. degree (1961) from Harvard.

Mr. Thomson was a teaching fellow at Harvard from 1956 to 1959. After serving as an assistant to a U.S. Congressman in 1959-60, he was Special Assistant, successively, to Chester Bowles, Roger Hilsman, and William Bundy in the Department of State. From 1964 to 1966 he served as an East Asia specialist on the National Security Council Staff.

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Mr. Thomson joined the Harvard faculty in 1966 as an Assistant Professor of History. He was appointed Nieman Curator as of September 1972.

He is the author of "While China Faced West: American Reformers in Nationalist China, 1928-37" (1969), and of "Communist Policy and the United Front in China, 1935-36" (1957). He is co-editor of "American-East Asian Relations: A Survey" (1972). He also contributed to "No More Vietnams? The War and the Future of American Foreign Policy" (1968). Author of numerous articles and reviews, he received an Overseas Press Club award for magazine writing on foreign affairs in 1968 and shared an "Emmy" for television coverage of President Nixon's China trip on ABC-TV in 1972.

Mr. Thomson will speak on the adversary relationship between government and the media. He will address such issues as secrecy, deception, manipulation of public opinion, and offer his views on the unique problems facing an intelligence organization, such as CIA, in a free society with respect to the media and its responsibility to the public.

Admission will be by ticket only until 2:55 p.m. at which time admission will be open to all on a first-come basis. Tickets can be obtained from component training officers. Questions regarding this program should be directed to [redacted] Special Programs Officer, OTR, extension [redacted]

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